

## BOOK NOTICES

### **Catalogue of the Library of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.**

1994? Facsimile of the 1918-1920 first edition. Maurizio Martino Publisher, 746 Mansfield City Road, Mansfield, CT 06268. \$150.00. 587 pp, hbk.

The catalogue is divided into two parts. Part I consists of the Preface, Explanation of Abbreviations and Signs, Author Catalogue, Additions, and Further Additions. Part II is Table of Subjects, Subject Catalogue, Corrections, and Index. Included in the Table of Subjects are the following subjects: 1) Works of Reference, 2) Horticulture, 3) Trees and Shrubs, 4) Agriculture, 5) Economic Plants, 6) Soils, 7) Entomology, 8) Plant Pathology, 9) Botany, 10) Natural History, 11) Rural Life and Plant and Garden Lore, 12) Voyages and Travels, 13) Evolution, 14) Addresses, 15) Color and Design, and 16) Miscellaneous Publications.

**GARRETT, J. HOWARD. 1995. The Dirt Doctor's Guide to Organic Gardening: Essays on the Natural Way.** (ISBN 0-292-72780-1, hbk; 0-292-72781-x, pbk). University of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713-7819. \$14.95 (pbk), \$35.00 (hbk). 232 pp, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>".

From the Introduction: "A truly organic program, on the other hand, is built around a 'healthy' philosophy and has the primary goal of establishing a natural balance of soil, water, air and biology. Looked at in the simplest terms, an organic program increases the air and the organic matter in the soil, uses naturally balanced fertilizers, keeps all bare soil mulched, and increases soil life and insect life."

If you want to go natural with your gardening, then this is the book for you. "Plant growers of all kinds are turning to organic products and procedures for vigorous, healthy plants. Since 1988, J. Howard Garrett has been in the forefront of the organic gardening movement, dispensing well-tested advice through 'The Natural Way,' his radio program and column in the *Dallas Morning News*. In this expert guide, he offers a complete program for organic gardening."

The book is a compilation of revised versions of some of the author's past columns, stories, articles, speeches, and thoughts on what he calls 'The Natural Way.' However, the book reflects new concepts, new science, and new techniques. These 'new essays' have been rewritten to be clearer, more accurate, and more up-to-date.

Here is what you will find in those 232 pages of essays: 1) Basics of Organics, 2) Soil Management, 3) Fertilization, 4) Pest Control, 5) Organic Landscaping, 6) Food Crops, 7) Wildlife, and an Index.